

The Geneva County Commission met in regular session on Monday, September 23, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at the Geneva County Courthouse in Geneva, Alabama.

Commission Chairman Toby Seay called the meeting to order and welcome guests and media present. Commissioner Brannon opened the meeting with prayer. Chairman Seay led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no citizens requesting to make public comment.

There were no elected officials requesting to make public comment.

Chairman Seay called the roll and the following members were present: Commissioners Weston Spivey, Todd Brannon, Bart Wilks and Sandy Hammer. The County Attorney, Phil Eldridge; County Engineer, Justin Barfield; Chief Administrative Officer, Marietta Webster were also present. The following business was transacted:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approve Minutes of September 9, 2019. Commissioner Hammer made a motion to approve the minutes September 9, 2019. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.
2. Proclamations: N/A
3. Bids: Liquid Asphalt –Emulsion: Hunt Refinery Company- \$1.8102 per gallon
Ergon Asphalt: 1.86 per gallon
Blackledge - \$2.64 per gallon
County Engineer recommended the low bid from Hunt Refinery Company.
Commissioner Brannon made a motion to accept the bid for Emulsion from Hunt Refinery Company. Commissioner Hammer seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.
Johnson Trucking has offered to continue their contract for hauling with no change in hauling fee. Commissioner Hammer made a motion to approve to continue another year contract with Johnson Trucking with no change in hauling fee. Commissioner Spivey seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Jail Construction: Chairman noted that the jail project had gotten behind due to an issue with quality of a product used that has been corrected and now should be getting back on schedule if weather permits.
2. Board Appointments: Chairman stated that the Revenue Commissioner has asked that the prior members of the Equalization Board be approved and reassigned so they can notify the State. Commissioner Spivey made a motion to reappoint Tracy Reeder, Derrick Cotton and Bret Finch to the Equalization Board. Commissioner Wilks seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

3. Bids: N/A

REPORTS OF STAFF:

Sheriff: Sheriff Helms stated that he has three vehicles down including several Tahoe's with transmission issues. He is working on finding a bid with law enforcement vehicles.

Sheriff stated that all his computers are windows seven and needs to update them in order to run the programs that they need. Discussed the cost of computers and it amounts to around eighteen hundred per computer installed and he stated that he really needed at least two at this time.

Sheriff stated that he is short two deputies at this time.

The jail has a full staff of correctional officers now and he has talked to the personnel board to consider creating the new job descriptions for new jail.

County Administrator: Mrs. Webster stated that all she had was the updated Budget for approval that we will discuss at end of meeting.

County Engineer: Engineer stated that he had hired one new employee who is working out a notice.

Bush hogging should take about three more weeks. Spraying has been stopped.

The application for ATRIP that was submitted should have a decision within the next four to five weeks.

Engineer passed out information to the commission concerning the Solid Waste Department handling of large household items and the need for a charge to be put in place for each pick-up. Discussion followed with setting a bracket charge according to the amount of the load. This would require that the individual pay for the pick-up prior to being handled. Solid Waste would have to monitor each request to evaluate the size of the load. The cost recommended was \$50 minimum, \$75 half load and \$150 full load. Commissioner Spivey made a motion to allow Solid Waste to implement the recommended fees for side the road pick-up effective November 1, 2109 at \$50 minimum, \$75 half load and \$150 full load. Commission Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0. Commissioner Spivey stated that he had spoken with Solid Waste and that this should help with their budget.

Engineer spoke concerning his need for large holding fuel tanks on the yard. The fuel provider that they are using offered to Engineer the placement of tanks with an additional twenty cents added to the fuel cost for three years and that would pay for the tanks. Commissioner Spivey is doing research with other local companies to see what they have to offer.

County Attorney: County Attorney advised Commission that he finally got the Health Services Agreement for the jail from the hospital last week. He advised that they were changing from Rn to an LPN, asking for \$10.00 co-pay on each sick call after the first, increasing the compensation from \$60,000 to \$90,000, if the monthly daily population exceeds 90 an additional \$50 per inmate above would be charged monthly, outpatient and emergency would be 70% of billed amount and inpatient surgical and procedures would be \$1,200.00 per day. Attorney advised that Judge told him to negotiate the contract with the hospital. Attorney was able to get the hospital to agree to reduce compensation from \$90,000 to \$75,000 per year, delete the cop-pay on sick call, delete \$50 per month on inmate above 90. The attorney advised of average monthly salaries in Alabama for LPN and RN and Nurse Practitioner. Commission might want to consider this next year. Commissioner Wilks made motion to approve and authorize Chairman to sign agreement with hospital and Commissioner Hammer seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

Attorney advised that an attorney had contacted him about John Johnson purchasing the 80 feet by 100 feet lot in Chancellor and commission was not interested in declaring surplus because County needed the lot.

Attorney advised that he researched as requested County giving funds to private non-profit entity. He advised this was prohibited by Section 94 of the Constitution unless the commission determined in a public meeting after notice is published in the paper that expenditure is for a public purpose.

County Attorney advised that he had written the letter on the missing items at EMA and directed by the commission and it had been signed for.

County Attorney advised of expiration date of Everbridge contract in September 2020 and that Commission must give notice of 30 days before expiration date if they want to cancel.

County Attorney advised that he had resolution and order ready on changes to voting places in Geneva as requested by Chairman/Judge Seay.

Chairman Seay: Chairman stated that he had received the Strategic Plan from Southeast Alabama Planning and Development and shared a copy with each commissioner to review.

The validation for the Industrial Park Project is this Wednesday at 1:30 P.M. in the courtroom.

Chairman discussed the no smoking policy and that there seems to be an issue with e-cigarettes being smoked in the hallways and they put off an odor. Commissioner Spivey made a motion to amend the No Smoking Policy to include Electronic Cigarettes. Commission Hammer seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

Chairman stated that last year there were several local acts that were not able to be passed through due to timing and he would like commission to approve so they may be advertised ready to be sent to representatives. Commissioner Hammer approved the following local bills to be sent to Representatives to be processed: Service and Process Fee, Badge and Gun given to Retiree, Abandon Cars, Work Release and Mental Health. Commissioner Wilks seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

Chairman asked that they set a date for the EMA Director interviews. Interviews will take place September 30th and October 1 from 8-12.

Chairman Seay stated that there seem to be an issue of pay scale raise for the Personnel/Payroll position that started the position. Commissioner Wilks made a motion to accept the pay scale for the Payroll/Personnel position. Commissioner Spivey seconded the motion. Vote was 4—0.

Mrs. Mixon was asked if she had anything to report from EMA. She stated that the sirens had been changed back to the prior alert sound and citizens have reported that they were able to hear them so much better. Last week the department had a representative from the State to come in and reset several programs that had to be put on the new computer. One of the programs is the work plan that must be submitted quarterly which had not had any of the reports done for the 2019 year as required. She is unable to find any documentation where the work was done so she is having to put none to report unless she can prove that it is done. The Hazard Mitigation Plan must be updated every three years and Southeast Regional Planning has reported that a grant is in the works to assist with the cost of updating the plan.

Commissioner Brannon: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Spivey: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Wilks: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Hammer: Nothing to report.

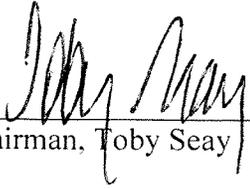
Commissioner Brannon made a motion to recess 11:00 a.m. for fifteen minutes. Commissioner Spivey seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0. Back at 11:40 a.m.

Budget 2020: Discussed the budget as presented with a couple of requests from outside entities. The Personnel Budget was discussed as to Attorney Fees with Commissioner Brannon making a motion to allow Attorney Eldridge to send a letter to the Personnel Board that an Attorney will not be paid past today unless it is for a grievance or defend in lawsuit. Commissioner Hammer seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0. Commissioner Wilks made a motion to approve the Budget 2020 with couple minor adjustment to line item for Sheriff computers in office supply and adjust RRR contract labor. Commissioner Spivey seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0.

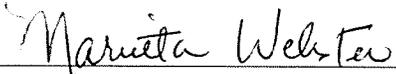
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Commissioner Hammer made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0

The above constitutes the minutes of the meeting of the Geneva County Commission held on Monday, September 23, 2019.



Chairman, Toby Seay



Marietta Webster
Chief Administrative Clerk

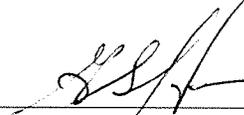
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Commissioner Bart Wilks



Commissioner Hammer

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